



MARYLAND CENTER *for*
CONSTRUCTION
EDUCATION & INNOVATION

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To: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee

From: Maryland Center for Construction Education & Innovation (MCCEI)

Re: Support with Amendments to Senate Bill (SB) 104 - Labor and Employment - Apprenticeship 2030

Commission and Representation on the Apprenticeship and Training Council

The Maryland Center for Education and Innovation is an independent workforce intermediary committed to making careers in the built environment attractive and accessible to all. MCCEI guides the future of the industry by providing education and promoting innovation. As such, we represent a cross section of the industry: construction managers, subcontractors/ skilled trades, architects, engineers, and the education system. Our board of directors is comprised of some of the largest employers in the state of Maryland and both union and merit shop organizations and have served in this capacity for over 14 years. It is our goal to make the construction industry a diverse workplace and as such we will aim to create access to careers in the built environment to underserved communities in our region.

With this in mind, MCCEI is seeking an amendment to SB 104 that would allow merit shop organizations to have the opportunity to serve on the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission. It is important to note that the number of apprentices in Maryland are nearly equally split between union and non-union entities. Proposed Amendment to SB 104 Page 4, after Line 5, insert: "(12) Two members representing group non joint representation entities."

MCCEI strongly supports SB104 with amendment. If you need any additional information, please contact Jennifer Sproul at 410-456-2036 or jsproul@mceei.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer M. Sproul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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